The following list can get you started toward creating your family preparedness plan.

- Meet with household members to discuss the dangers of and how to respond to possible emergency events, including fire, severe weather, hazardous spills, and terrorism.
- ♦ Identify your safest shelter, usually a small center room away from windows during a tornado—even better, build a tornado SafeRoom. Also, Instruct household members to turn on the radio for emergency information.
- Plan to get inside a sturdy building when it storms. (You will need to avoid lightning out-of-doors and to leave mobile homes or autos in windstorms or tornados.)
- Adopt an emergency buddy, such as a close neighbor or a friend, so you can look out for each other at home, school, and work.
- ◆ Teach adults how to turn off the water and electricity at main switches.
- Post emergency contact numbers near all telephones and pre-program emergency numbers into phones with autodial capabilities.
- ◆ Teach children how and when to dial 9-1-1 to get emergency assistance and how to make long-distance telephone calls on both home and cell phones.
- Pick a friend or relative who all family members will call if separated during an emergency. It is often easier to call out-of-state during an emergency than within the affected area.
- Pick two meeting places: A place near your home and a place outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after an emergency.
- ◆ Take a basic first-aid and CPR class.
- ◆ Keep family records in a water and fireproof safe. Inexpensive models can be purchased at most hardware stores.

3 STEPS TO DISASTER PREPAREDNESS



Citizen Corps was created to help coordinate volunteer activities that will make our communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters of all kinds.

If you live in the Tulsa area and would like more information on the Tulsa Mayor's Citizen Corps program, complete this form and mail it to: Tulsa Mayor's Citizen Corps, Room 532, City Hall, Tulsa, OK 74103, or fax it to 918-596-7345.

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If you live outside the Tulsa area and would like to get involved in Citizen Corps, you may visit the national Citizen Corps web site at www.CitizenCorps.gov. For more information on Citizen Corps Tulsa in Oklahoma, contact Linda Soos-Davis at (405) 521-2481.

Mayor's Citizen Corps

The following list includes suggested items for disaster kits.

While the "home" kit is designed to maintain a family for up to three days, the "go" kit would include a scaled-down list of the same or similar items that would fit into a backpack and would be ready if the family had to leave home in a hurry. Some people keep a prepared "go" kit in the trunk of their car. Remember, keeping it essential and practical is the goal.

- ◆ A first aid kit and prescription medications (be sure to check expiration dates).
- ◆ An extra pair of glasses or contact lenses and solution (be sure to check expiration dates).
- ♦ A list of family physicians, important medical information, and the style and serial number of medical devices such as pacemakers.
- ◆ A battery-powered radio, flashlight, and plenty of extra batteries. (If possible, get a NOAA emergency radio, too.)
- Identification, credit cards, cash, and photocopies of important family documents including home insurance information.
- ♦ An extra set of car and house keys.
- Special items for infants, the elderly, or family members with disabilities.
- ◆ At least a three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Replace every six months.
- ♦ A three- to five-day supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can
- ◆ A change of clothing, rain gear, and sturdy shoes. Inexpensive plastic ponchos for "go" kits.
- ♦ Blankets, emergency blankets constructed of aluminized polyester, bedding, or sleeping bags.
- ◆ Tools such as screwdrivers, cutters, and scissors. Also duct tape, waterproof matches, an ABC fire extinguisher, flares, plastic storage containers, needle and thread, pen and paper, a compass, garbage bags, personal hygiene products, a whistle, and regular household bleach.



BE READY!

Web sites to help you be prepared.

The following is a list of web sites that contain valuable information for family preparedness, disaster mitigation, and emergency management.

Tulsa Mayor's Citizen Corps
Citizen Corps (National)
Department of Homeland Security
USA Freedom Corps
Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) <u>www.SeniorCorps.org/joining/rsvp</u>
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) <u>www.fema.gov</u>
American Red Cross
National Crime Prevention Council
Department of Health & Human Services Centers for Disease Control & Prevention
U.S. Fire Administration
Department of Commerce
Department of Energy
U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)
Department of Justice
Department of Interior
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
U.S. Postal Service
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) <u>www.noaa.gov</u>
National Weather Service
U.S. Geological Survey
Food & Drug Administration (FDA)
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
National Fire Protection Association
Institute for Business & Home Safety
Humane Society of the United States

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Word Find

Each of the following words is an item that you can put in your disaster "go" kit. See how many you can find!

PONCHO FLASHLIGHT
RADIO HOUSEKEYS
WHISTLE BACKPACK
WATER SNEAKERS
PHONENUMBERS SNACKS
BLANKET FIRSTAIDKIT



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